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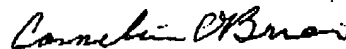
Lead-acid battery having an organic polymer additive and process thereof

The claims to be canceled are 6,7,9,10,11,12,13,15,16,17,18,19 and 20.
The claim 14 to be amended as :

14 (Currently Amended) The electrochemical lead-acid battery of claim 1 (2) wherein a process step is added (A process of discharging a lead-acid battery having a charge sufficient for sustaining a high current of at least 0.3C for a time period of at least five minutes and the battery containing an electrolyte active component and adding to the electrolyte of the battery at least one organic polymer) comprising the step of discharging the battery at a high current rate of at least 0.3C for at least five minutes.

In the subject application on page 3 it states that "The constitution of lignin has not been clarified but IS PROBABLY A polymerized coniferyl alcohol". (emphasis added) Thus it is the intent that the invention is for lignin for use in the battery and such lignin could be made from any process or source.

Yours truly,



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